GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:3115
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Import of Agricultural Products
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the details of the agricultural products imported into the country during the last three years and the current year;
(b) whether the Government has conducted any survey to assess the adverse impact of such imports on the domestic growers/producers;
(c) if so, the details and the outcome thereof;
(d) whether these imports are driving farmers to commit suicide; and
(e) if so, the steps taken by the Government to protect Indian farmers?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY (INDEPENDENT CHARGE)
(SMT. NIRMALA SITHARAMAN)

(a) The values of India's imports of agricultural products during the last three years and the current year are as follows:
(in US$ Billions)

Years	Import value of Agricultural Products including plantation
2013-14	17.0
2014-15	20.0
2015-16	21.6
2016-17 (Apr-Oct)*	12.7

Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (* Provisional)

The details of the agricultural products imported into the country are enclosed at Annexure-I.

(b) to (e) The Government has not conducted any survey to assess the impact of imports of agricultural products on the domestic growers/producers in the country. As per the latest National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) report, 'indebtedness' and 'family problems' are the major causes of suicides, accounting for 20.6% and 20.1% respectively of total farmers' suicides during 2014. The other causes of farmers' suicides were 'failure of crop' (16.8%), illness' (13.2%) and 'drug abuse/alcoholic addiction' (4.9%).
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Annexure-I
Statement referred to in reply of part (a) of Lok Sabha unstarred question no. 3155 for answer on 5th December 2016.
(In US$ Millions)

Category	UNIT	2013-14		2014-15		2015-16		2016-17 (Apr-Oct)	
Plantation		QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL	QTY	VAL
Tea	KGS	22739911	48.54	28390469	63.57	23722240	58.04	14356655	30.79
Coffee	KGS	59940860	120.19	74884576	152.20	65612802	122.59	43899320	73.28
Natural rubber	TON	360266	906.43	442129	818.29	458382	715.12	287886	420.02
Plantation total			1075.15		1034.06		895.75		524.10
Agri. & allied products									
Rice(other than basmoti)	TON	1439	1.37	1958	1.77	1021	0.91	639	0.58
Wheat	TON	11272	4.42	29493	9.95	517667	135.45	773867	170.07
Other cereals	TON	22321	16.08	23397	10.03	206144	51.84	122462	29.87
Pulses	TON	3643713	2119.32	4584852	2786.11	5797706	3902.22	2748424	1906.55
Tobacco unmanufactured	KGS	1549350	13.09	1930418	15.90	2883247	20.54	146776	0.95
Tobacco manufactured*			27.85		32.76		29.74		19.82
Spices	KGS	155577426	571.39	163094896	717.78	193437497	823.79	155259072	474.75
Cashew	TON	776334	773.81	933190	1087.16	961665	1339.34	569125	920.75
Cashew nut shell liquid	KGS	379070	0.34	1720396	1.63	1858346	0.87	1523766	0.50
Sesame seeds	KGS	72928096	134.48	34767785	62.67	23597101	27.59	24640014	24.83
Niger seeds	KGS	0	0.00	703000	0.60	5780000	6.76	6970000	8.56
Groundnut	TON	114	0.06	127	0.08	107	0.05	103	0.04
Other oil seeds	TON	54703	27.50	51561	26.59	62505	32.99	54730	28.47
Vegetable oils	TON	10467303	9389.74	12731595	10621.48	15643735	10492.08	8226662	6212.09
Oil meals	TON	126936	33.33	165102	44.71	255014	65.26	342153	92.97
Guergam meal	TON	375	3.66	128	0.95	633	2.07	155	0.18
Castor oil	KGS	68946	0.34	52363	0.30	31759	0.17	73546	0.15
Shellac	KGS	680722	8.01	1770836	9.75	705387	2.99	204721	0.81

Sugar TON 880956 392.19 1538635 601.17 1943125 612.24 1104847 504.18
Mollases TON 15065 1.47 60281 4.93 17267 1.16 6689 0.61
Fruits / vegetable seeds KGS 8294147 74.36 14012277 100.48 14328066 107.57 12854403 66.90
Fresh fruits TON 769204 1273.46 900984 1565.20 839543 1694.84 544721 921.04
Fresh vegetables TON 25981 6.66 8244 1.82 140728 59.78 5911 1.03
Processed vegetables KGS 20289086 28.80 10960189 17.07 15379021 18.40 7461892 9.87
Processed fruits and juices KGS 31973057 68.28 33552677 81.58 38962498 80.31 24658654 46.32
Cereal preparations TON 53472 69.15 72717 95.44 61487 87.81 38886 50.56
Cocoa products KGS 51627345 176.90 65387025 253.58 56424691 212.96 33853408 127.68
Milled products KGS 3977441 3.64 3465371 2.90 4393656 3.26 2095558 1.47
Misc processed items* 244.48 292.05 277.20 178.36
Animal casings KGS 220 0.00 0 0.00 0 0.00 0 0.00
Sheep/goat meat TON 60 0.86 87 1.43 53 0.73 69 0.63
Other meat TON 361 2.61 469 3.19 498 2.64 317 1.48
Processed meat TON 388 1.27 165 0.85 71 0.42 81 0.43
Dairy products KGS 10487312 38.47 43837626 61.49 18233480 56.64 10451278 25.59
Poultry products* 3.89 6.18 4.04 3.26
Floricltr products KGS 4308801 18.45 4820190 18.52 4768809 17.43 3184816 12.34
Alcoholic beverages LTR 114452982 341.27 177683002 408.46 303459276 447.38 265260805 313.74
Ayush and herbal products KGS 10855329 52.46 23482092 57.58 11668422 54.13 7134563 31.12
Agri. & allied products total 15923.43 19004.14 20673.58 12188.54
Total 16998.61 20038.20 21569.33 12712.64
Source: Directorate General of Commercial Intelligence and Statistics (DGCIS)
Note: Figures for 2016-17 (Apr to Oct) is provisional.
*Quantity Figures are not given as units are not additive.